

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number

: 09/767,680

Confirmation No.:

4425

Applicant

: Asger GEPPEL et al.

Filed

: January 24, 2001

Title

: PORPHYRIN CONTAINING LACTIC ACID BACTERIAL CELLS

AND USE THEREOF

TC/Art Unit

: 1656

Examiner:

: Chih-Min KAM, Ph.D.

Docket No.

: 58982.000010

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, RESPONSE, SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir,

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the final Office Action dated April 19, 2005 (Paper No. 11192004) (hereinafter "the Office Action") in the subject application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including January 19, 2006. Applicants previously submitted a Notice of Appeal with the

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requisite fee on October 19, 2005. Accordingly, this RCE and Response submission is timely filed within the paid-for extension of time.

A check in the amount of \$910.00 is included herewith to cover the fee for submission of the request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and the one month extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of the RCE and Response, but should any fees be necessary, the Director is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

In response to the Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.